

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554**

**FCC 17M-21**

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In the Matter of	)	WT Docket No. 08-20
	)	
<b>WILLIAM F. CROWELL</b>	)	FCC File No. 0002928684
	)	
Application to Renew License for Amateur	)	
Radio Service Station W6WBJ	)	

**ORDER**

**Issued:** April 10, 2017

**Released:** April 10, 2017

On March 30, 2017, Crowell filed a Motion to Stay Proceedings Pending Determination of NAL/FO Case (Motion). In the Motion, Crowell disclosed a pending Notice of Apparent Liability (NAL) in the amount of \$25,000, and a Forfeiture Order (FO) for the same amount of money. The underlying violation found is intentional interference, which Crowell contends denies his right to free speech. Crowell “intend[s] to demand a trial in U.S. District Court” on the “propriety and Constitutionality” of both the NAL and the FO, and requests that the above-captioned proceedings be stayed “during the pendency of such NAL/FO collection action . . . .” Motion at 3-4.

On April 10, 2017, the Enforcement Bureau filed a Response, stating that it does not oppose Crowell’s Motion. The Bureau stated:

Because the Bureau intends . . . to introduce into evidence many, if not all, of the factual findings from the Forfeiture Order, in the interest of efficiency, the Bureau does not oppose the Motion to Stay. Indeed, adjudication by a U.S. District Court . . . may offer a basis upon which the Presiding Judge could rule upon a motion for summary decision.

Response at 2 (footnote omitted). The Presiding Judge finds this reasoning persuasive.

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Accordingly, for the reasons pleaded by both Crowell and the Enforcement Bureau, Crowell's March 30, 2017 Motion to Stay Proceedings **IS GRANTED**, and the above-captioned proceeding **IS STAYED** *sine die*.

**SO ORDERED.**

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION<sup>1</sup>

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard L. Sippel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".

Richard L. Sippel  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>1</sup> Courtesy copies of this Order will be sent via email to Mr. Crowell and Bureau counsel on the date of issuance.